

thousands of them! Yes it is really an easy thing! At least I have no trouble in getting members and friends of my church to subscribe for the paper. This is one of the things they feel they cannot do without. They take it, not because they feel it their "reasonable service" but because they enjoy it. And by the way is that not the way it should be? I like that kind of religion. Unfortunately, however, it appears that many there are who call themselves Christians, somehow never dwell on that plane. When they attend church or prayer meeting, they go because they must "keep up appearances;" they take the church paper, (if at all,) perhaps because they feel they have to do it. I like a religion that causes me to enjoy things. Then it is that obedience becomes a luxury. It is a poor servant that always serves under the compulsory system.

Last night I called on a man who was telling me about his faith in God. Tho he does not claim to be a Christian, (I'm sure he does not know God at all,) yet he says he has often prayed and that with one exception, God has always answered his prayers, and that exception was, that he never yet gave him religion! He told me that his mother used to frequently get some kind of cramps and tho he was but a boy of about ten years of age at that time, he said, 'Mother, when she got the cramps, I would always get down and pray and she was always relieved at once.' Well, it sometimes seems that many people have just that kind of religion. They get very religious now and then when they get the "cramps."

When they get sick they like the preacher to come and pray and they say, "I expect to do better if I get up again," etc. Brother minister, do you find many of that kind? I find some of that kind now and then. Well, let us pray for them and do them all the good we can, for they need it. And if they don't subscribe for the church paper any other way, be sure to call on them when they get the cramps, and if you fail then the case is evidently hopeless.

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#### Dayton, Ohio Mission

We are now pretty comfortably situated in our new church home. Our church property is really in the hands of the Brethren. We are the sole occupants now, and will have services for the first time in the morning on the 17th.

Our communion was a delightful season of spiritual enjoyment. On account of sickness and other hindrances many could not attend, yet we are happy to say that fifty one surrounded the Lord's table and partook of the sacred emblems.

Brother Mikesell and wife, Brother Oats and wife from Troy; Brother Beachler and his mother from Miamisburg; Brother Wampler and wife, and two other sisters whose names have slipped from me, from West Alexandria, were with us. Brother Miller from Zimmerman was also present. All ex-

pressed themselves as having highly enjoyed the occasion.

One young man who was formerly a member of the Hager-town church united by letter. Others expressed themselves as coming soon. The Lord is with us and the Dayton Mission is going to prosper.

J. L. KIMMEL.

## Among the Churches

### Goshen, Ind.

The Elkhart Co. Union Meeting held here on Thursday was a very pleasant gathering. Brethren Flora, Hubbard, Menaugh, Summers and Miller were present. Each church in the county had a goodly number of representatives, with the exception of Gravelton. Brother Summers preached a good sermon on "The Better Life." Brother Bemenderfer's Bible reading on "How to know God" stirred us all. Brother Aaron Miller, of New Paris, read a fine paper on the "Ideal Pastor." The "Meeting" voted to have it published. Watch for it. Brother Menaugh followed on "The Ideal Congregation." His remarks on the need of the membership studying how to help one another instead of criticising every little thing they see, was timely and well received. Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Rench and Miss Early read fine papers, which should in accordance with the chairman's suggestions find way to the EVANGELIST.

Bro. Flora gave an exposition of III John which emphasized the thought as to how we may all be helpers in the gospel. W. H. Miller preached on "Power in the Early Church" on Thursday evening. This sermon should be published that all may be stirred by it.

Dinner was served in an adjoining hall which was secured by the sisters from the G. A. R. With battle scenes hanging all around us to inspire us, with knife and fork in hand we made such a charge on the "outer works" of the cooks that soon "satisfied" us that all could not be taken. The second attack was made in the evening. Then we had enough.

The floral decorations by the sisters were profuse and beautiful, and added not a little to the success of the meeting.

G. W. RENCH.

### Our Visit to McLouth, Kan.

Having received a call from the official board at McLouth we hastily deputized our daughter, Ora V. Bauman to fill our pulpit at Pony Creek and on Nov. 1 went as far as Kansas City where we tarried over night with our brother A. J. Hixson and his good wife. Next morning we took the train for McLouth. Held an enjoyable communion service the same evening. We were sorry that the members could not all be present, being hindered by rain. We tarried with the church at McLouth till Nov. 8. Preached six sermons while with them. Attendance was fair, attention the very best. The people at McLouth know how to make a preacher feel at home, both in their homes and at church service. One elderly lady made the good confession of faith in the Son of God. Others seemed near the kingdom. Could the meetings have been continued we believe good results would have followed in the conversion of sinners. May God sustain the church at McLouth.

Correspondence on the part of some of our pastorless churches, with brother and sister Wm. T. Stout might secure unto themselves two zealous workers for Christ and the church both in the pulpit and in their homes. Give them a call. They are too modest to ask you for a job, and if you do your part I believe they will prove a blessing to you.

W. J. H. BAUMAN.

Morril, Kansas.

### Oil Cure for Cancer

Dr. Bye has discovered a combination of Oils that readily cure cancer, catarrh, tumors and malignant skin diseases. He has cured thousands of persons within the last six years, over one hundred of whom were physicians. Readers having friends afflicted should cut this out and send it to them. Book sent free giving particulars and prices of Oils. Address Dr. Bye, Drawer 1111, Kansas City, Mo.

### Akron, Indiana

I again send you a few lines. Our meeting at Oakville closed on Sunday night November 4, with three accessions. While the number of accessions was not large, not what we expected, yet we had a good meeting. We had expected Brother Hubbard to assist us but were disappointed. We had our State Evangelist with us at the close. The meetings closed with one of the best communions I ever attended. There were eighty-one took part in the service and a large congregation of spectators who gave the best of attention. After the communion brother George Hoover was ordained to the Eldership and brother Sanford Swain set apart to the office of deacon. Some of the things looked after during the progress of the meeting were, brother Robert Holsinger took one endowment for the college and sold several of Holsinger's book; I received six subscriptions to the Evangelist and raised some three dollars missionary money. Taking all into consideration we had a good meeting. Mrs. Fox was with me most of the time. On our way home we came by way of Indianapolis, and visited with our son who has a position there. One of the evenings we spent with Dr. Sigler who is a cousin to Mrs. Fox, being members of the Second Presbyterian church some of their members came in and of course were anxious to learn of our doctrine, and while talking upon the ordinance of feet washing one of the ladies remarked, I wonder why our people do not wash feet? We found all well at home and on last Sunday I was at Tiosa. Every thing seems to move along there. We will commence our revival there November 26.

JOHN M. FOX.

### To the Agents

I wish it were proper for me to say a few words to my fellow agents of the Evangelist army. But neither the Editor, nor any member of the Board, has asked me to speak, but I will write anyway. The Editor is not obliged to print it. First then, let us try as never before, to have all renew, and secure as many new subscribers as possible. If we worked faithfully last year, let us labor harder now. If families will not subscribe for a year, try them for three or six months. If that fails, make a list of such names, then appeal to the liberal ones about you for funds to send it to these a few months, and don't forget the poor who cannot pay. Every congregation has well-to-do folks, that can be induced to pay for such, if you do the proper pleading. Ask your pastor to exhibit a new, clean copy of the paper from the pulpit, at the regular Sunday service, and give at least five minutes favorable talk for the church paper. Friends and members of the congregation, should be solicited, some as members of the church. The above items, it seems to me, are of the first importance. If we wish to thrive as a church, we must first of all, extend the circulation of our paper, and every loyal member should assist all in his power. It is indeed shocking at times, to find a preacher so dull of comprehension, as to think that he or his congregation can thrive, when he takes no active interest in the organ of his denomination.

A secondary matter is, that we make it a labor of love. Yes, do our work free of charge. At least such agents as have other abundant means of a livelihood. And why am I so concerned? Simply because it is a discredit to the brotherhood, to have a debt resting on our publishing house. The board needs the money much more than we need our